

SENATE BILL 281

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-14-111, relative to financing of development districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-14-111(a), is amended by deleting the words "After the creation of any such board" in the second sentence and by substituting instead the following:

The board for the Memphis Area Association of Governments, composed of the Tennessee counties of Fayette, Lauderdale, Shelby, and Tipton Counties and the municipalities located within such counties, has been created

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-14-111(a), is further amended by deleting from the column entitled "Annual State Contribution", the following dollar amounts:

\$ 30,000

60,000

90,000

120,000

and by substituting instead the following dollar amounts:

\$ 40,000

70,000

100,000

150,000.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-14-111(b), is amended by inserting in the first sentence the words "to the Memphis Area Association of Governments" immediately after the words "Such local contributions".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-14-111, is further amended adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subsections:

(c) It is the intent of the state to assist financially with the development of regional plans for economic development and other regional plans, activities, and programs authorized by this chapter and other statutes and for coordination of activities there under. Such regional plans, activities and programs shall be for the benefit of and for the local governments of this state and, as appropriate, the state government and the citizens of Tennessee. The boards of the eight other development districts established as the First Tennessee Development District, the East Tennessee Development District, the Southeast Tennessee Development District, the Upper Cumberland Development District, the South Central Tennessee Development District, the Southwest Tennessee Development District, the Greater Nashville Regional Council and the Northwest Tennessee Development District have been created as provided in this chapter and Title 64, Chapter 7. When the local governments have indicated a willingness to contribute financially to the development districts by adopting a budget establishing a certain per capita assessment, the state shall include in its budget under the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development or its state functional equivalent a separate line item for the funding of the activities of the development districts. Any appropriations of state funds made to the development districts by the General Assembly shall not be reduced except in conjunction with an across the board percentage reduction applicable to multiple state government departments and agencies. The amount of state funding to each development district shall be based upon the per capita assessment established by the individual development district boards. Except for the provision of subsection (a) for the Memphis Area Association of Governments, the per capita assessments and corresponding state funding levels for the other eight development districts are as follows:

Per Capita Assessment	Annual State Appropriation
1-5 cents	\$40,000
6-10 cents	\$70,000
11-15 cents	\$100,000
16-20 cents	\$150,000
21-30 cents	\$180,000
31 – to an amount over 31 cents as may be approved by the individual development district board	\$200,000

(d) For calculating the per capita assessments of the development districts denoted in subsection (c), the board of a development district may utilize either the population counts from the latest yearly population estimates or from the decennial census figures of each city, town, metropolitan government, and county which is located in and is a member government of the development district, as reported by the United States department of commerce, bureau of the census or its federal functional equivalent. The aggregate of the funds generated by the per capita assessment may be used for the purposes of matching various federal and state programs, grants and contracts for planning, programs and activities undertaken by the development districts. The aggregate of state funds appropriated to the development districts may be used for the purpose of matching various federal programs, grants and contracts for planning, programs and activities undertaken by the development districts. Any funds generated by either the per capita assessment or the state appropriation may be utilized by the development districts to pay the operating and administrative costs of the district, cities, towns, metropolitan governments, and counties may participate in the per capita assessment funding of the development districts in which they are located independently of each other. In order to promote regional cooperation and planning, counties may pay the per capita assessment of any of the cities or towns within the county's political boundary. Cities, towns, metropolitan governments and counties are specifically authorized to appropriate and expend funds for carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.